

## THE GAZETTE.

TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 17.

## His Second Courting a Joke.

Mrs. Betsy Howard and Mr. David Basler were engaged to be married in Eklund township, Pa., nine years ago. They were children of well to do farmers, and their acquaintances said it was a good match. Six weeks before the time set for the wedding Mrs. Howard jilted Mr. Basler and eloped with Mr. Leander Oakford, of Lopz township. They were married by a Forkville justice, and when the fact became known in the runaway bride's neighborhood the gossips asserted that they had felt certain all along that Betsy Howard was never really in love with David Basler. They also recalled the fact that Mr. Oakford had taken Mrs. Howard to several country balls, and that she always edged up toward Mr. Oakford with more fondness than toward Mr. Basler.

Mr. Oakford took his bride to his home in Lopz township, and Mr. Basler went to cranking and became reckless on account of his disappointment. People said he was going to the dogs and would probably commit suicide, but in less than three months he was on his feet and had never touched a drop of liquor since. He was a hard-working young man and remained on the farm of his father, Mr. D. H. Basler. No one ever alluded to his disappointment, but he frequently referred to it himself by declaring that he would get even with Betsy Howard sooner or later.

A year ago last summer Mr. Oakford died in the fall his widow took her two children to Eklund township, and went to living with her father, Farmer Peter B. Howard. When she had been a widow for nearly a year the old friendship between her and David Basler was renewed. People wondered at it when they recalled what even with Betsy Howard, but they wondered no more when in the fall when they heard that the widow Oakford and Mr. Basler were going to be married in the latter part of October. They thought that David Basler had forgotten his vow, and that he was deeply in love with the widow that he could not live without her.

The wedding of Mrs. Oakford to the man she had jilted nine years before was announced to take place at the residence of Mrs. Oakford's father on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 29. All of Mrs. Oakford's Eklund relatives assembled at the farmhouse soon after dark, and Rev. Charles J. Owen came over from Eklund Centre to perform the ceremony. When 8 o'clock came Mr. Basler had not arrived. His absence caused a great flurry and much talk, and when it was noticed that none of his relatives was present there was a sensation among the guests. Mrs. Oakford was waiting up stairs, and half an hour after the ceremony was to have begun Mr. Basler sent a messenger post haste after Mr. Basler. It was more than a mile to the Basler farmhouse, and when the messenger got there all the family were in bed, except the man who was needed to complete the bridal party. He was sitting by the kitchen stove with his working clothes on, and when the messenger made known his errand, Mr. Basler chuckled and said: "It isn't a good thing, but I'll get you to bed, Betsy Howard, but I'll get you to bed in my own coin. I wouldn't marry her now for the best farm in Pennsylvania, and you go back and tell her so. She fooled me nine years ago, and turn about is fair play, ain't it? Maybe she'll learn to take a joke."

Mr. Basler's message to the widow was speedily delivered, and there was much indignation over it at the Howard residence. Rev. Mr. Owen and sympathetic relatives counseled Mr. Oakford, who waited for two hours over the humiliation, and at midnight the guests departed. From the fact that none of the Baslers came, it was evident that it was a joke, and they knew that Mr. Basler meant to fool the widow, for the time set for the wedding was known to everybody in the neighborhood.

Last Friday Mrs. Oakford began a breach of promise suit against Mr. Basler, having damages at \$5000. Mr. Basler is 30 years old, and is a native of Pennsylvania. He was married to Mrs. Oakford in 1891, and she has since then been a widow. He has never got a cent of his money, and that he put it of his property out of his hands before he got even with her.

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**STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS.** OFFICE OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE AND RAPIDAN R. CO., Alexandria, Va., November 2, 1891. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Charlottesville and Rapidan R. Co. will be held at No. 1009 Prince Street, Alexandria, Va., on MONDAY, November 30, 1891, at 12 o'clock noon. J. S. B. THOMPSON, Secretary.

**STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.** A special meeting of the stockholders of the VIRGINIA IRON SHIPBUILDING COMPANY will be held at the company's office, Alexandria, Va., DECEMBER 3, 1891, at 12 m., to ratify a vote of the directors authorizing a sale of the Pioneer Mill. By order of the Directors, CHARLES E. MOODY, Sec'y.

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November 15, 1891, at 12:01 p. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 13, Daily, No. 15, Sunday, No. 9, Daily, No. 11, Daily.

LEAVE Washington 8:30 a. m., 4:45 p. m., 11:10 a. m., 11:20 p. m.

Alexandria 8:55 a. m., 5:10 p. m., 11:34 a. m., 11:45 p. m.

Franklin Junction 9:25 a. m., 5:40 p. m., 12:04 p. m., 12:15 p. m.

Manassas 9:55 a. m., 6:10 p. m., 12:34 p. m., 12:45 p. m.

Culpeper 11:15 a. m., 7:30 a. m., 1:38 p. m., 1:48 p. m.

Orange 11:55 a. m., 8:10 p. m., 2:18 p. m., 2:28 p. m.

ARRIVE Charlottesville 12:55 p. m., 3:30 p. m., 3:05 a. m.

Lynchburg 1:10 p. m., 3:45 p. m., 3:20 a. m.

Franklin Junction 1:25 p. m., 4:00 p. m., 3:35 a. m.

Manassas 1:40 p. m., 4:15 p. m., 3:50 a. m.

Culpeper 1:55 p. m., 4:30 p. m., 4:05 a. m.

Orange 2:10 p. m., 4:45 p. m., 4:20 a. m.

ARRIVE Ashville 6:55 a. m., 5:50 p. m.

Hot Springs 7:10 a. m., 6:10 p. m.

Columbia 7:25 a. m., 6:25 p. m.

Augusta 7:40 a. m., 6:40 p. m.

Atlanta 8:00 a. m., 7:00 p. m.

NORTH BOUND.

No. 16, Daily, No. 14, Sunday, No. 10, Daily, No. 12, Daily.

LEAVE Atlanta 8:50 p. m., 9:10 a. m.

Augusta 7:10 p. m., 7:30 a. m.

Columbia 7:40 p. m., 8:00 a. m.

Hot Springs 8:10 p. m., 8:30 a. m.

Ashville 8:40 p. m., 9:00 a. m.

Franklin Junction 9:10 p. m., 9:30 a. m.

Manassas 9:40 p. m., 10:00 a. m.

Culpeper 10:10 p. m., 10:30 a. m.

Orange 10:40 p. m., 11:00 a. m.

ARRIVE Lynchburg 12:30 p. m., 1:00 a. m.

Franklin Junction 1:00 p. m., 1:30 a. m.

Manassas 1:10 p. m., 1:40 a. m.

Culpeper 1:20 p. m., 1:50 a. m.

Orange 1:30 p. m., 2:00 a. m.

ARRIVE Washington 2:30 p. m., 3:00 a. m.

Washington 2:40 p. m., 3:10 a. m.

Alexandria 3:00 p. m., 3:30 a. m.

Franklin Junction 3:10 p. m., 3:40 a. m.

Manassas 3:20 p. m., 3:50 a. m.

Culpeper 3:30 p. m., 4:00 a. m.

Orange 3:40 p. m., 4:10 a. m.

ARRIVE Washington 4:40 p. m., 5:10 a. m.

Washington 4:50 p. m., 5:20 a. m.

Alexandria 5:10 p. m., 5:40 a. m.

Franklin Junction 5:20 p. m., 5:50 a. m.

Manassas 5:30 p. m., 6:00 a. m.

Culpeper 5:40 p. m., 6:10 a. m.

Orange 5:50 p. m., 6:20 a. m.

ARRIVE Washington 6:50 p. m., 7:20 a. m.

Washington 7:00 p. m., 7:30 a. m.

Alexandria 7:20 p. m., 7:50 a. m.

Franklin Junction 7:30 p. m., 8:00 a. m.

Manassas 7:40 p. m., 8:10 a. m.

Culpeper 7:50 p. m., 8:20 a. m.

Orange 8:00 p. m., 8:30 a. m.

ARRIVE Washington 9:00 p. m., 9:30 a. m.

Washington 9:10 p. m., 9:40 a. m.

Alexandria 9:30 p. m., 10:00 a. m.&lt;/